## Submitting a Grant Proposal to the Madera County RAC

Projects proposed to the Madera County Resource Advisory Committee must:

- 1. Be within the geographical boundary of Madera County.
- 2. Be on National Forest Lands or provide a clear, direct benefit to National Forest Lands.
- 3. Must meet the intent of Title II of the Secure Rural Schools Act by making additional investments in, and creating additional employment opportunities through projects that:
  - a. Improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure;
  - b. Implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems;
  - c. Restore and improve land health and water quality;
  - d. Enjoy broad based support.
- 4. Have objectives that may include:
  - a. Road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration;
  - b. Soil productivity improvement;
  - c. Improvements in forest ecosystem health
  - d. Watershed restoration and maintenance;
  - e. Restoration, maintenance, and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat;
  - f. Control of noxious and exotic weeds;
  - g. Reestablishment of native species

There is a total of \$225,000 available for this grant cycle.

While it is not a requirement for grant submittal, some form of matching funds or work is highly recommended.

Federal Agencies, State or local governments, private and non-profit entities and landowners are all eligible to apply.

All applications must be submitted <u>on-line</u>. The deadline for submittals is January 7, 2011. Please use the following link:

https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure\_rural\_schools.nsf

At the bottom of that page, select "Madera County" from the "Jump To a RAC" drop down box. Below the Map displayed on that page, click on "Propose a Title II Project" and follow all the instructions.

If you have any questions regarding project submittal, please contact:

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